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CONSUMER & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES ADOPTED IN SLAMMING THIRD ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

Rules are Effective on July 16, 2003

CC Docket No. 94-129

The Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission announces that the requirements the Commission adopted in its Third Order on Reconsideration (Reconsideration Order) in the slamming proceeding, *Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers*, CC Docket No. 94-129, FCC 03-42 (rel. March 17, 2003) and clarified in a subsequent Order, CC Docket No. 94-129, FCC 03-116 (rel. May 23, 2003), are effective on July 16, 2003.

The Commission's slamming rules are designed to improve the carrier change process for consumers and carriers while making it more difficult for unscrupulous carriers to perpetrate slams. The following modifications adopted in the Commission's *Reconsideration Order* contained information collections: 47 CFR Sections 64.1120(c)(3)(iii), 64.1130(j), 64.1150(b), 64.1160(g), 64.1170(g), 64.1180, requirements concerning local exchange carrier verification of in-bound carrier changes, and certifications to exempt carriers from the drop-off requirement. A summary of the *Reconsideration Order* was published at 68 FR 19152 (April 18, 2003) and was clarified at 68 FR 40184 (July 7, 2003). The information collections contained in the *Reconsideration Order* were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on July 1, 2003. OMB Control Number 3060-0787. Notice of the effective date was published in the Federal Register at 68 FR 41942 (July 16, 2003).

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